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## The Borden Murders.

Fall River, Mass. Aug. 14.—The Borden murder is the great topic here yet. At the Central Congregational church, of which the Borden family were members, union services were held to day.

City Marshall Hilliard has heard nothing from Professor Woods, who is analyzing the stomachs of the victims and comparing the spots of blood on the axe and carpet. He says if there is truth in the reports, it would be discovered that the blood upon the axe and carpets is the same. It is strange he has not heard it officially.

The police to day have been engaged in chasing down clues and testing statements made in many letters sent to the marshal. It is Lizzie Borden's side of the case that is now attracting the attention of the police. It is not thought the preliminary hearing set for the 25th will be of long duration. It has been the policy of District Attorney Knowlton in handling capital crimes to give as little evidence as possible until the trial takes place. Attorney Jennings, who, beyond question, believes in the innocence of Lizzie Borden, will do everything in his power to have a full examination at the earliest date. His sturdy work at the time of arraignment has done much to change public opinion concerning the girl more particularly his position referring to a fair trial by an impartial judge. Although Miss Borden is under arrest charged with perhaps the most heinous crime committed in recent years there is little talk about the punishment that should be meted out to her. She is finding supporters and friends in the most unexpected places. The talk is almost entirely regarding her chances of proving her innocence. This fact gives the police authorities reason to think much stronger evidence will have to be given before Attorney Jennings will consent to an order for holding his client until November. It is an open secret in police circles that the government officer believes Miss Borden insane at the time of the murders, if she committed them. It is well known that Judge Blaisdell and District Attorney Knowlton were prejudiced in Miss Borden's favor and they must have the strongest possible reasons for ordering her arrest. Some evidence relating to the private life of Miss Borden is now in the hands of the police and bears directly on this side of the case and strengthens the opinion of the high authorities who have said that Miss Borden was not conscious of the deeds, if she is implicated.

## Rain on the Rio Grande.

A letter received by Atlee McCampbell from a friend at Rio Grande City, dated August 11, says that they are having plenty of rain in that section. The letter also states that the river has overflowed its banks and is five miles wide in many places, and that boats can run within a few miles of Ca-

margo. This is good news, indeed, from that section, and means prosperity to the inhabitants who suffered greatly from the effects of drouth. What a grand country the Rio Grande valley would become if properly irrigated like some portions of California, Arizona and New Mexico. That day is not far distant when it will be.—Corpus Christi Galf News.

## Disastrous Wreck.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 14.—There was a disastrous freight wreck on the Southern Pacific road at Bonners Hill, between Beaumont and Orange, last night about dark. Engineer Tom Bergen misunderstood a train order and the trains met, running at a high rate of speed. The engines were demolished and about thirty cars with their contents were burned. The loss is estimated at many thousand dollars. Brakeman Wm. Kerstons of this city was hurt, but not fatally. Engineer Bergen and Conductor Waller both escaped with but slight bruises. The other engineer was not hurt. A side track had to be built around the wreck for passenger trains to pass, but they were greatly delayed.

## The Convict Uprising.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 14.—The special train containing the 400 convicts employed in the Tracy mines by the Tennessee coal, iron and railroad company reached this city at midnight and the convicts were taken to the penitentiary. The burning of the stockade was confirmed. In attempting to escape from the train on white convict was wounded by the guard, who fired upon him, and eight or ten escaped. What the authorities or the lessees will do is not known, but there is a probability that the lessees of the convicts will abandon the lease. Trouble is feared at the Coal Creek mines and at Oliver Spring mines. A committee of three miners from Coal Creek called on Governor Buchanan to day and asked to have the troops removed. During the interview a dispatch came announcing the burning of the stockade and the release of the convicts at Tracy City. The governor took the request under advisement.

It is expected in many quarters that another general uprising will be the result, as matters at the other convict-worked mines are in a critical condition.

## A Jersey's Wonderful Record.

On July 21st, Gen. Samuel H. Moore, of Huntsville, Ala., gave an entertainment in honor of the completion of a remarkable year's record of his Jersey cow, Signal's Lily Flag. The record shows a product of butter, 1,047 pounds, constituting the Lily Flag winner of the Derby of the Jerseys against the great Bission's Bells, whose record was: butter, 1,028 pounds 15½ ounces; milk, 8,412 pounds and 7 ounces.

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## Both Merciful And Just.

The Washington Post is one of the few papers which allows that there were mitigating circumstances which preceded the killing of David Poston by Col. H. Clay King. The Post says: "The sentence of H. Clay King, whose execution would otherwise have taken place at Memphis on Friday, has been commuted by Gov. Buchanan to imprisonment for life. The pressure that was brought to bear for execution clemency in this case was by no means of a wholly sentimental character. The pathetic appeals of Mrs. King and her daughters may have had a certain weight with the governor, but the greater influence was that of the numerous citizens, lawyers, judges, and others of prominence who had other than their humane sympathies to offer in the unfortunate man's behalf, and who presumably found such circumstances of mitigation or provocation in the various legal proceedings antecedent to the commission of the crime as in their judgment to satisfy them that the ends of justice would be sufficiently answered by the lighter penalty.

It is one of those cases with all the details of which the general public is necessarily more or less unfamiliar. We must therefore rest content in the belief that the legal gentlemen who interceded for Col. King's life had reasonable grounds on which to base their intercession, and that the governor was just, as well as merciful, in granting the commutation.

## Printers Walk Out.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug 9.—The Daily Gazette has for some time been paying its compositors 50 per cent. of wages one week and settling in full on the second. The printers demand a full weekly payment, and the Gazette refuses to accede, saying it is an impossibility. The typos walked out to a man and the doors were locked.

The manager wired to Kansas City for a force of non-union men and proposes to issue the paper on Thursday morning.

The union carried the nine-hour clause with reference to the daylight officers, and if they refuse to comply, a general strike will take place at once all over the city. The Evening Mail is similarly affected.

## The Daughter Speaks.

A lady, apparently of great wealth, had been for more than an hour imposing upon the unceasing endeavors of a patient saleswoman to fit with a ready-made costume the daughter of the "shopper," a child of about eight years. The hope of adding one more sale to her day's list buoyed the drooping spirits of the saleswoman and made her indefatigable in her efforts to please, but her hope was in vain, for her customer finally said, "Well, I will not decide now, but I will return this afternoon," whereupon her child quickly remarked, "Why, mamma, we won't have time to come back here and the nine other stores where you've promised the same thing today."—New York Recorder.

## A Valuable Gold Piece.

In 1787 a goldsmith of the name of Brasher coined a sixteen dollar gold piece, which is now one of the rarest of coins, there being but four specimens of it known, all of which are held at \$3,000 each. This rare piece has the well known motto, stamped upon it in this mixed up form, "Unium E Pluribus."—Philadelphia Press.

## ENIGMA.

I wanted the sweep of the wild, wet weather,  
The wind's long lash and the rain's free fall,  
The toss of the trees as they awayed together,  
The measureless gray that was over them all;  
Whose roar speaks more than a language spoken,  
Wordless and wonderful, cry on cry,  
The sob of an earth that is vexed and broken,  
The answering sob of a broken sky.  
What should they tell us? We see them ever,  
The trees, and the sky, and the stretch of the land;  
But they give us a word of their secret never;  
They tell no story we understand.  
Yet haply the ghostlike birch out yonder  
Knows much in a silent and placid way;  
The rain might tell what the gray clouds ponder,  
The winds repeat what the violets say.  
Why weeps the rain? Do you know its sorrow?  
Do you know why the wind is so sad, so sad?  
Have you stood in a rift 'twixt a day and a morrow,  
Seen their hands meet and their eyes grow glad?  
Is the tree's pride strong at its top's abasement?  
Is the white rose more of a saint than the red?  
What thinks the star as it sees through the casement  
A young girl lying, beautiful, dead?  
—Barry Pain.

## A Pedestrian Feat.

If you desire to travel on foot through two kingdoms, two duchies and three principalities in the short space of five hours and ten minutes you have no need to transplant yourself to fairyland or put on a pair of seven league boots. The feat can be accomplished in the Fatherland without any great exertion. You select as your starting point the village of Steinbach, in the Bavarian district of Oberfranken, a station on the Gera-Saalfeld-Lichtenfels railway; from here you proceed in half an hour to Lichtenhane (Saxe-Meiningen), and an hour and a half later you arrive at Renschengesess (Reuss o. L.).

The next halting place, Heima (Schwarzburg Rudolstadt) can be reached in ten minutes, and half an hour's walk takes you to Altengessess (Reuss y. L.). From here you march on to Drognitz (Prussia) in an hour and a half, and in an equal space of time you reach the final stage of your journey, Saalthal (Saxe-Altenbourg).—Deutsche Verkehrszeitung.

## Owls Kill Many Mice.

Mr. Nicholson has issued an appeal to landowners and country folk generally not to kill off every bird of prey, but, instead of nailing the skin of an owl or a hawk on a barn door because it bears an evil name in the poultry yard, and is in the black books of the gamekeeper, to preserve it, within limits, at least as sedulously as the partridges and pheasants in whose interests it is destroyed. The barn owl (*Aluco flammeus*) is undeniably the farmer's friend and by no means the sportsman's enemy. From observations made during the nesting time it has been calculated that it will bring to its callow young a mouse about once every twelve or fifteen minutes, and as many as twenty good sized rats, perfectly fresh, have been counted in a single nest. A nest containing five owlets was placed under a hencoop, and no less than twenty-four rats, large and small, brought there by the parent birds, were found lying outside the coop the following morning.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

## Destroyers of Grasshoppers.

There is a small reptile out west known as the fence lizard, which catches and eats a great many grasshoppers. The species is very common in the infested regions. Skunks are most active enemies of the insect and have been known to ascend trees for the purpose of catching them. For obvious reasons it will hardly be practicable to encourage these particular mammals, but no such objections would apply to toads, which are apt to swarm wherever the "hoppers" are, gobbling the latter greedily.

Many planters in California employ flocks of turkeys for the purpose of freeing their orchards and vineyards of grasshoppers. One turkey will destroy an almost incredible number in a single day. Incidentally the birds are fattened at the cheapest possible rate. They are so fond of such food that sometimes they devour too many and die of indigestion.—Washington Star.

There is a curious example of a repeating crossbow in the United Service museum, taken from the Taku forts, at which place the Chinese archers caused us heavy loss on the first occasion of the attack.

With many people, objects particularly ancient, of which no practical use is any longer recognized, have presumably some occult property attaching to them.